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: INPUT STAGE APPARATUS AND METHOD HAVING A VARIABLE REFERENCE

VOLTAGE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.